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IN THE APPLICATION OF: Shinji ASAMI, et al.

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FOR: BINDING APPARATUS, PAPER PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.